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Commencement

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

U.S. Century Bank Arena
Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Miami, Florida

Monday, December 10, 2012

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FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Florida International University is a vibrant, student-centered public research university, ideally located in Miami, that is **Worlds Ahead** in its commitment to learning, research, entrepreneurship, innovation and creativity so that our graduates are prepared to succeed in the global market.

Since 1965, when it was chartered as the area’s first public university, FIU has built a reputation for excellence in teaching, research and community engagement. Since taking office in August 2009, President Mark Rosenberg has focused on strengthening student-centered academic excellence, enhancing research that supports community priorities and expanding community partnerships.

FIU has a diverse and nationally celebrated faculty who bring a global perspective to their research and teaching. Our vibrant student body is made up of individuals from throughout the United States and more than 130 countries, and our **Worlds Ahead** alumni have risen to prominence in every field.

FIU offers more than 180 baccalaureate, master’s, doctoral and specialist degree programs in its colleges and schools, including the: College of Architecture + The Arts, College of Arts & Sciences, College of Business Administration, College of Education, College of Engineering & Computing, Honors College, College of Law, Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, and Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work.

FIU has more than 48,000 students, 1,000 full-time faculty and more than 169,000 alumni – many of whom live and work in South Florida. The university is split between two major campuses: the Modesto A. Maidique Campus (MMC) in western Miami-Dade County, and the Biscayne Bay Campus (BBC) in northeast Miami-Dade County. FIU also has several other locations across the city, including: the FIU Broward Pines Center, an academic facility in nearby Broward County; the Engineering Center, a 40-acre research facility located near MMC; the business center in Downtown Brickell; and the Miami Beach Urban Studios (MBUS) and the Wolfsonian FIU, both on South Beach.

Thanks to the support of the South Florida community, FIU has emerged as a **Worlds Ahead** leader of higher education, and will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2015.

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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES..... Nicol Rae, *Banner Marshal*
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL..... Matthew Cole, *Banner Marshal*
HONORS COLLEGE..... Cecile Houry, *Banner Marshal*
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION..... William Beesting, *Banner Marshal*
STUDENT AFFAIRS..... Elias Bardawil, *Banner Marshal*
LIBRARIES..... Althea Silvera, *Banner Marshal*

PROCESSIONAL Grand Marshal C. Delano Gray, *Chair, Faculty Senate*
Fanfare for the Common Man, Aaron Copland
Pomp and Circumstance, Sir Edward Elgar

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER..... Glenda Fernandez, *Sophomore, Voice Performance*
The Star-Spangled Banner, Francis Scott Key

CONVENER..... Douglas Wartzok, *Provost and Executive Vice President*

WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS Mark B. Rosenberg, *President*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MESSAGE..... Jorge L. Arrizurieta, *Member*

SGA MESSAGE..... Laura Fariñas, *SGA President, Modesto A. Maidique Campus*
and Member, FIU Board of Trustees

CONFERRAL OF FIU MEDALLION President Rosenberg and Provost Wartzok
Tom and Blanca Riley, *University Service*

PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DIPLOMAS Lakshmi N. Reddi, *Dean, University Graduate School*

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS
Narrator..... Stephen Neal, *Instructor, School of Theatre*
College of Arts and Sciences Kenneth Furton, *Dean*
University Graduate School..... Lakshmi N. Reddi, *Dean*
Undergraduate Education..... Douglas L. Robertson, *Dean*

CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES..... President Rosenberg

RECESSIONAL

Commencement Program

Monday, December 10, 3:00 p.m.

The audience is requested to remain seated for the Processional and rise for the National Anthem and the FIU Alma Mater.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES..... Heather Bracken Grisson, *Banner Marshal*
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL..... Kristin Bishop, *Banner Marshal*
HONORS COLLEGE..... Lourdes Acevedo, *Banner Marshal*
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION..... Philip Moses, *Banner Marshal*
STUDENT AFFAIRS..... Harold Clayton, *Banner Marshal*

PROCESSIONAL Grand Marshal C. Delano Gray, *Chair, Faculty Senate*
Fanfare for the Common Man, Aaron Copland
Pomp and Circumstance, Sir Edward Elgar

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER..... Vindhya Khare, *Second Year Graduate Student,*
The Star-Spangled Banner, Francis Scott Key
Voice Performance

CONVENER..... Douglas Wartzok, *Provost and Executive Vice President*

WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS Mark B. Rosenberg, *President*

SGA MESSAGE..... Pablo Haspel, *SGA President, Biscayne Bay Campus*

PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DIPLOMAS..... Lidia Kos, *Associate Dean, University Graduate School*

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS
Narrator..... Stephen Neal, *Instructor, School of Theatre*
College of Arts and Sciences Kenneth Furton, *Dean*
University Graduate School..... Lidia Kos, *Associate Dean*
Undergraduate Education..... Douglas L. Robertson, *Dean*

CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES..... President Rosenberg

RECESSIONAL

Commencement Program

Monday, December 10, 7:30 p.m.

The audience is requested to remain seated for the Processional and rise for the National Anthem and the FIU Alma Mater.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES..... James R. Webb, *Banner Marshal*
SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION..... Neil Reisner, *Banner Marshal*
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL..... Yuk-Ching Tse-Dinh, *Banner Marshal*
HONORS COLLEGE..... Lourdes Acevedo, *Banner Marshal*
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION..... Leslie Richardson, *Banner Marshal*
STUDENT AFFAIRS..... Kristen Kawczynski, *Banner Marshal*

PROCESSIONAL..... Grand Marshal C. Delano Gray, *Chair, Faculty Senate*
Fanfare for the Common Man, Aaron Copland
Pomp and Circumstance, Sir Edward Elgar

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER..... Sarah Payne, *Junior, Voice Performance*
The Star-Spangled Banner, Francis Scott Key

CONVENER..... Douglas Wartzok, *Provost and Executive Vice President*

WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS..... Mark B. Rosenberg, *President*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MESSAGE..... Jose J. Armas, *Member*

SGA MESSAGE..... Laura Fariñas, *SGA President, Modesto A. Maidique Campus and Member, FIU Board of Trustees*

PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DIPLOMAS..... Lidia Kos, *Associate Dean, University Graduate School*

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS
Narrator..... Stephen Neal, *Instructor, School of Theatre*
College of Arts and Sciences..... Kenneth Furton, *Dean*
School of Journalism and Mass Communication..... Raul Reis, *Dean*
University Graduate School..... Lidia Kos, *Associate Dean*
Undergraduate Education..... Douglas L. Robertson, *Dean*

CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES..... President Rosenberg

RECESSIONAL

Commencement Program

Tuesday, December 11, 10:00 a.m.

The audience is requested to remain seated for the Processional and rise for the National Anthem and the FIU Alma Mater.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION..... Charles Bleiker, *Banner Marshal*
ROBERT STEMPEL COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORK..... Stephanie Kodatt, *Banner Marshal*
COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES..... Johanna Newman, *Banner Marshal*
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL..... Meg Gardinier, *Banner Marshal*
HONORS COLLEGE..... John Tsalikis, *Banner Marshal*
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION..... Charlie Andrews, *Banner Marshal*
STUDENT AFFAIRS..... Rob Frye, *Banner Marshal*

PROCESSIONAL..... Grand Marshal C. Delano Gray, *Chair, Faculty Senate*
Fanfare for the Common Man, Aaron Copland
Pomp and Circumstance, Sir Edward Elgar

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER..... Amanda Shafer, *Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education*
The Star-Spangled Banner, Francis Scott Key

CONVENER..... Douglas Wartzok, *Provost and Executive Vice President*

WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS..... Mark B. Rosenberg, *President*

SGA MESSAGE..... Laura Fariñas, *SGA President, Modesto A. Maidique Campus and member, FIU Board of Trustee*

CONFERRAL OF FIU MEDALLION..... President Rosenberg and Provost Wartzok
Bruce Hayden, *Cal Kovens Distinguished Community Service Award*

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER..... Alexandre Lopes, *2013 Florida Teacher of the Year*

PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DIPLOMAS..... Sonja Montas-Hunter, *Assistant Dean, University Graduate School*

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS
Narrator..... Stephen Neal, *Instructor, School of Theatre*
College of Education..... Delia C. Garcia, *Dean*
Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work..... Michele Ciccazzo, *Interim Dean*
College of Nursing and Health Sciences..... Ora Strickland, *Dean*
Undergraduate Education..... Douglas L. Robertson, *Dean*

CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES..... President Rosenberg

RECESSIONAL

Commencement Program

Tuesday, December 11, 3:00 p.m.

The audience is requested to remain seated for the Processional and rise for the National Anthem and the FIU Alma Mater.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING..... Yimin Zhu, *Banner Marshal*
COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE + THE ARTS Colleen Malachowski, *Banner Marshal*
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL..... Nick Gelpi, *Banner Marshal*
HONORS COLLEGE..... Rachelle Galindo, *Banner Marshal*
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION Hugo Jimenez, *Banner Marshal*
STUDENT AFFAIRS..... Dorret Sawyers, *Banner Marshal*

PROCESSIONAL..... Grand Marshal C. Delano Gray, *Chair, Faculty Senate*
Fanfare for the Common Man, Aaron Copland
Pomp and Circumstance, Sir Edward Elgar

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM Michelle Kemp, *Master of Music, Voice Performance*
The Star-Spangled Banner, Francis Scott Key

FIU ALMA MATER Crystal Garcia, *Freshman, Voice Performance*

CONVENER..... Douglas Wartzok, *Provost and Executive Vice President*

WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS Mark B. Rosenberg, *President*

SGA MESSAGE Pablo Haspel, *SGA President, Biscayne Bay Campus*

CONFERRAL OF FIU MEDALLION President Rosenberg and Provost Wartzok
Robert Epling, *Cal Kovens Distinguished Community Service Award*

PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DIPLOMAS..... Lakshmi N. Reddi, *Dean, University Graduate School*

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS
Narrator..... Stephen Neal, *Instructor, Department of Theatre*
College of Engineering and Computing Amir Mirmiran, *Dean*
College of Architecture + The Arts..... Brian Schriener, *Dean*
University Graduate School..... Lakshmi N. Reddi, *Dean*
Undergraduate Education..... Douglas L. Robertson, *Dean*

CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES..... President Rosenberg

RECESSIONAL

Commencement Program

Wednesday, December 12, 10:00 a.m.

The audience is requested to remain seated for the Processional and rise for the National Anthem and the FIU Alma Mater.

R. KIRK LONDON UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS Elizabeth Gutierrez, *Banner Marshal*
HONORS COLLEGE..... Cynthia Dottin, *Banner Marshal*
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION Janie Valdes, *Banner Marshal*
STUDENT AFFAIRS..... Amanda Niguidula, *Banner Marshal*

PROCESSIONAL..... Grand Marshal C. Delano Gray, *Chair, Faculty Senate*
Fanfare for the Common Man, Aaron Copland
Pomp and Circumstance, Sir Edward Elgar

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER..... S. Christopher Ellis, *Instructor, Decision Sciences;*
The Star-Spangled Banner, Francis Scott Key
Donald Roomes, *Senior Instructor, Management*
and International Business

CONVENER..... Douglas Wartzok, *Provost and Executive Vice President*

WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS Mark B. Rosenberg, *President*

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MESSAGE..... Gerald C. Grant, Jr., *Member*

SGA MESSAGE Laura Fariñas, *SGA President, Modesto A. Maidique Campus*
and Member, FIU Board of Trustees

PRESENTATION OF UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS
Narrator..... Stephen Neal, *Instructor, Department of Theatre*
College of Business David R. Klock, *Dean*
Undergraduate Education..... Douglas L. Robertson, *Dean*

CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES..... President Rosenberg

RECESSIONAL

Commencement Program

Wednesday, December 12, 3:00 p.m.

The audience is requested to remain seated for the Processional and rise for the National Anthem and the FIU Alma Mater.

ALVAH H. CHAPMAN GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESSJimmy Carmenate, *Banner Marshal*
CHAPLIN SCHOOL OF HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT..... Jinlin Zhao, *Banner Marshal*
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL.....Nancy Bokowski, *Banner Marshal*
HONORS COLLEGE..... Rachelle Galindo, *Banner Marshal*
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION... ..Consuelo Boronat, *Banner Marshal*
STUDENT AFFAIRS..... Bronwen Bares-Pelaez, *Banner Marshal*

PROCESSIONAL.....Grand Marshal C. Delano Gray, *Chair, Faculty Senate*
Fanfare for the Common Man, Aaron Copland
Pomp and Circumstance, Sir Edward Elgar

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER..... S. Christopher Ellis, *Instructor, Decision Sciences;*
The Star-Spangled Banner, Francis Scott Key Donald Roomes, *Senior Instructor, Management*
and International Business

CONVENER..... Douglas Wartzok, *Provost and Executive Vice President*

WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS Mark B. Rosenberg, *President*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MESSAGE..... Jorge L. Arrizurieta, *Member*

SGA MESSAGE Pablo Haspel, *SGA President, Biscayne Bay Campus*

CONFERRAL OF FIU MEDALLION President Rosenberg and Provost Wartzok
Angela Martinez and Raul Chavez, *Cal Kovens Distinguished Community Service Award*

PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DEGREES Lakshmi N. Reddi, *Dean, University Graduate School*

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS
Narrator..... Stephen Neal, *Instructor, Department of Theatre*
College of Business David R. Klock, *Dean*
Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management... ..Mike Hampton, *Dean*
University Graduate School..... Lakshmi N. Reddi, *Dean*
Undergraduate Education..... Douglas L. Robertson, *Dean*

CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES..... President Rosenberg

RECESSIONAL



Commencement Program Monday, December 10, 10:00 a.m.



FIU Medallion

Tom and Blanca Riley
University Service

Tom and Blanca Riley are one of FIU's most devoted power couples. The pair has more than six decades of combined experience in diverse positions that have helped build FIU from the dream it once was to the reality it is today.

Tom was hired by FIU's first president, Chuck Perry, who tasked him with creating and cultivating a veritable university atmosphere on campus. He served FIU in numerous leadership positions, including associate director of Academic Support Services, director of University Housing, assistant dean of Student Affairs and director of the University Student Union & Student Activities. His FIU teaching experience includes the Introduction to International Relations and Freshman Experience courses. His devotion to FIU was expressed in the books *Celebrating Excellence*, *Creating Opportunity: A History of Florida International University* and *Beyond the Tower: The 30 Year History of Florida International University*.

For her part, Blanca has been a fixture at FIU since before the university opened in 1972. A Panther who earned a bachelor's in business in 1974 and a master's in public administration in 1976, she first joined the university as a film librarian, rising through the ranks of the Division of Academic Affairs throughout her career. Her service to FIU includes executive positions as director of University Space Utilization, Scheduling & Analysis and director of University Telecommunications & Instructional Media Services.

Even after retirement, the Rileys' commitment to FIU remains strong. The couple has pledged a major planned gift in their estate plan that will go to the College of Arts & Sciences.

Commencement Program Tuesday, December 11, 3:00 p.m.



FIU Medallion

Bruce Hayden
Cal Kovens Distinguished Community Service Award

Educational psychologist Bruce Hayden is president and CEO of the Miami-based Banyan Health Systems, a Federally Qualified Health Center that includes the Spectrum Programs, Inc., a nonprofit substance abuse treatment agency, and the Miami Behavioral Health Center, Inc., a comprehensive mental health community agency.

Hayden, an industry leader with more than four decades of experience, has been instrumental in the agencies' growth into community assets with more than 600 employees. Each year, they provide comprehensive behavioral health care to more than 15,000 individuals struggling with substance use disorders, mental health illnesses and co-occurring diagnoses.

A forward thinker, he has dedicated his career's efforts to ensure that these programs are viable options that will safeguard the wellbeing of our community and remain at the forefront of collaborative research that address the evolution of comprehensive behavioral/physical health. He also has helped form several support organizations that address residential and non-residential services for those in need, including Informed Families of Dade County, Inc., the Drug Free Youth in Town program and the South Florida Behavioral Health Network.

In 1999, Hayden joined the faculty of the FIU Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work as a part-time lecturer, where he teaches courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels on drugs and AIDS and chemical dependency, respectively. He was appointed to the college's Community Advisory Council in 2011.



Commencement Speaker

Alexandre Lopes

As a teacher who uses music, dance and technology as just three of his tools, Brazilian-born doctoral student Alexandre Lopes has an understanding of the power of a quality education and a richer learning experience that rivals that of most people.

As he continued to pursue an Ed.D. in special education at FIU this year, Lopes came to embrace the concept of a holistic approach to education, which not only allowed him to reach all of his students at Carol City Elementary (some of whom with autism) but earned him the 2013 Florida Department of Education/Macy's Teacher of the Year Award.

The recognition was a crown jewel of his career as an educator, which Lopes calls "a calling." It also brought him the prestigious Christa McCauliffe Ambassador for Education designation. In this role, he is serving as a goodwill representative for the Department of Education and teachers throughout the state of Florida.

Lopes is also part of Project Rewards and Incentives for School, a program that has enabled him to further his leadership skills by conducting professional development workshops and national conferences, where he has shared research-based practices and best practices with other educators.

Commencement Program Tuesday, December 11, 3:00 p.m.



FIU Medallion

Robert L. Epling

Cal Kovens Distinguished Community Service Award

As the president and CEO of Community Bank of Florida since 1977, Robert Epling has emerged as one of South Florida's most engaged and dynamic business and civic leaders.

During his four decades in commercial banking, Epling has served as president of banks in Kentucky and Florida, as well as an assistant bank examiner for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in Washington, D.C. His experience includes more than 30 years as an agricultural lender and tropical fruits farmer.

A past president of the Florida Bankers Association and the Orange Bowl Committee, and chairman of the 1996 South Florida Olympic Soccer Organizing Committee, Epling is deeply committed to South Florida. His interests range from college football to scientific research. As chairman of the International Hurricane Research Center (IHRC) at FIU, he worked tirelessly to help further research that will mitigate damage from storms, which he witnessed firsthand as he assisted in the rebuilding efforts in Homestead after Hurricane Andrew.

Throughout his career, the Florida Bankers Association Legends Award winner has lent his time and efforts to numerous boards and foundations. He currently is on the boards of the Dade County Farm Bureau, AVMED Health Plans and the National Football Foundation.

Commencement Program Wednesday, December 12, 3:00 p.m.



FIU Medallion

Raul M. Chavez '80 and Angela A. Martinez

Cal Kovens Distinguished Community Service Award

Health sciences graduate Raul A. Chavez '80 and his wife, honorary Panther Dr. Angela M. Martinez, are two of FIU's most enthusiastic supporters.

A retired Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department officer and a licensed clinical social worker and community psychologist, respectively, the couple pledged \$650,000 to the FIU Alumni Association as part of their estate planning earlier this year. Their support will go toward an alumni center slated to go up at Modesto A. Maidique Campus.

Their love of FIU is only surpassed by their commitment to their community. Together, they have a combined lifetime of experience improving life in Miami and beyond. Chavez, an U.S. Air Force vet, was part of the volunteers that responded first to the earthquake of 1985 in Mexico, an experience that led to his becoming a founding member of the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance's International Search and Rescue Team. Leading to his retirement from the department in 2008, he was in charge of two Airport Division Rescue units at Miami International and Opa-locka airports. Today, he is the CEO of RAC Training Consultants, Inc., a firm he established to continue serving and advising the South Florida Emergency Response community.

For her part, Martínez has combined her practical experience in mental health and organizational behavior with teaching stints at FIU and other universities and at several South Florida hospitals and social service agencies. She has worked with organizations including the City of Miami Police and Fire departments, the City of Miami Police Department, the Florida State Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services and the U.S. Coast Guard's Seventh District. As an expert of her field and a certified trainer for the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, she is often invited to speak internationally after large-scale traumatic events.

An Academic Tradition

Michael J. Wagner, Ph.D., Retired Professor of Music Education

At every academic institution, commencement exercises are the high point of the calendar for students and their families. Since the purpose of a college or university is to prepare its students to merit the conferral of an academic degree, the commencement ceremony serves as the instrument for exhibiting the success of both the university and its students in fulfilling this primary goal. The rites involved in the celebration of commencement stem from civilization’s earliest times. In fact, the very word, commencement, means a beginning. If you are familiar with the trappings of this grand ceremony, you are aware that the traditions carried forth from medieval days are revealed in all of their pomp, color and symbolism. It is a celebration of new beginnings. For participants and observers alike, commencement is meant to be both self-serving and an emotional experience.

The Chain of Office

The University President is the ceremony’s convener and chief presider at the commencement ceremonies. The great chain, which is the FIU chain of office, is displayed on stage. This ancient symbol is perhaps the most beautiful and artistic of any of the accoutrements of the ceremony. During the Renaissance, holders of very high office sometimes wore a chain as a symbol of their authority. FIU’s chain is made of sterling silver and its designs are cast, cut and etched. The center medallion represents the world and is surrounded by sea shells cast from an actual shell. Reflecting the university and the South Florida area are the eight ovals which make up the chain. Each link is connected by a shell motif and exemplifies a specific entity: 1) the University Park tower, 2) the Vrana sculpture over the entrance of Primera Casa, and 3) the Torch of Friendship. The others represent the five original schools in the FIU community: Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, Hospitality Management, and Engineering. Inscribed upon four of the medallions are the names and dates of tenure of FIU presidents — Charles Perry, Harold Crosby, Gregory Wolfe, Modesto A. Maidique. The chain was designed by Dr. Clem Pennington, associate professor of art education, now retired, and executed in 1977 by Leo Shirker, a Miami goldsmith, art teacher and FIU alumnus.

The Mace

The Grand Marshal carries a ceremonial club called a mace. In antiquity, when an official of high rank went out in public, a mace-bearer was assigned to accompany him in order to literally beat away those who got close enough to try to petition the favors of the official. Today, the bearing of the university’s mace is ceremonial in nature, signifying the authority and authenticity of those who are to follow.

Music

Music plays an important role in the commencement experience. The commencement procession begins with the playing of Aaron Copland’s Fanfare for the Common Man. It is followed by the familiar Pomp and Circumstance March #1, by Sir Edward Elgar. This march, one of a set of five Pomp and Circumstance marches by Elgar, is traditionally played at commencement ceremonies throughout the United States, and many places around the world. It has come to symbolize the commencement experience. After the processional, and after the academic body is assembled, our national anthem, The Star Spangled Banner, is performed. The National Anthem is followed by FIU’s new Alma Mater, which was inaugurated at Freshman Convocation 2012 after the University conducted an open lyrics contest. The winning lyrics, which can be found in the back of this program, were written by alumna Belinda Kaitlynn Gunn who graduated from FIU in Spring 2012. Carl Strommen, an ASCAP award winner, composed the music.

Marshals

The leader of the academic procession is the Grand Marshal. At FIU, this prestigious honor goes to the chairperson of the Faculty Senate, which is the democratic collegial governance body of the faculty. You will notice that as the Grand Marshal processes, the mace (a formidable weapon) is held at port arms, the ready position for quick protection. Faculty and student marshals have been elected to lead candidates for graduation from each of the university’s schools and colleges.

The Dais Party

The Dais Party is also known as the Platform Party. This group is composed of the university’s administrative leaders and very special guests. The Dais Party enters the hall before the faculty and proceeds directly to stage. At the end of the processional, the Grand Marshal declares the proceedings open, and the ceremony moves forward. Academic Regalia

The tradition of wearing distinctive academic attire at commencement ceremonies originated in Europe in the twelfth century. However, gowns and capes had been worn by clerics and ecclesiastics even before that date. A heavy black or brown gown was apparently worn at all times. Hoods and capes were also a necessity during the long, cold European winters because the buildings in which scholars lived, studied and taught were cold and drafty. When not being used to provide warmth, hoods and baggy sleeves served the same purpose as do today’s pockets. Often a crust of bread or some cheese were tucked away in them for sustenance on a long journey. The academic costume at English universities (from which many of our American commencement traditions originate) can be traced as far back as the middle of the fourteenth century, to the time

when scholars were rebuked that a decent habit was to be worn (Statutes of Peterhouse, 1344). This document further prescribed the code of dress for university teachers of that era. In a 1432 statute, students and even doctors of theology were restricted to bunge and sad-colored habits. The robes of master were to be flowing and reach the ankles. In an order dated 1358, tailors were admonished not to stint the robes, which should be *argae et talaes*, because clerks (of whom scholars were one type) should be distinguished from the laity. A few universities still require students and faculty to wear a short gown both on and off the university campus. Oxford, Cambridge and some Scottish universities maintain this custom. The faculties of American universities have worn academic garb for commencement ceremonies since the beginning of the system. For almost 250 years, each university chose its own costume until it was realized that in 1896 an event unique in history would be taking place. This was the simultaneous celebrations of the 250th anniversary of Harvard University and the 500th anniversary of Heidelberg University. Because of this unique circumstance, the Intercollegiate Bureau of Academic Costume was opened in 1895 to record the distinctive colors of institutions, their arrangement, the particulars of gowns, hoods and caps, as well as information pertaining to academic ceremonies. At that time, an American code of academic dress was agreed upon to which we adhere today with few modifications. Since Spring 2011, FIU has selected to use earth-friendly academic regalia for undergraduate and graduate students. The fabric is manufactured from molten plastic pellets recycled from approximately 23 water bottles and feels like traditional fabric. This initiative underlines FIU’s commitment to sustainability.

Gowns

Academic gowns of today are most easily identified by the distinctive style of their sleeves. The bachelor’s gown is worn closed and its sleeves are long, open and pointed. The master’s gown can be worn either open or closed, and has long distinctive sleeves which are closed, with a slit near the elbow to free the hand and forearm. These pointed sleeves hang down from the elbow to below the hand. The doctor’s gown can be worn either opened or closed, and has five inches of velvet trim down both front edges, and three velvet chevrons on each sleeve. The velvet trim may be either black or the color of the discipline in which the degree is granted. The sleeves are closed and bloused.

Hoods

Probably the greatest degree of symbolism is expressed with the academic hood. Those who hold bachelor’s degrees and participate in commencement sometimes wear a hood. Candidates for the bachelor’s degree do not. The bachelor’s hood is black and is three-feet long, with a two-inch velvet border in the color of discipline in which the degree

is awarded. The master’s hood is also of black material, and is three-and-one-half feet long with a three-inch velvet border in the color of the discipline. It is lined with the colors of the institution conferring the degree. The doctor’s hood is four-feet long, has a five-inch velvet border in the the color of the discipline, and is lined with the colors of the institution granting the degree.

Caps

Traditionally, the Oxford style square cap is considered proper headdress. In recent times, however, it has become stylish to wear a soft cap of either square or octagonal shape. All graduates wear a tassel over the left side of the cap. Bachelor’s and master’s tassels may be black or the color of the academic discipline, while doctor’s tassels are always gold.

These are by no means all of the styles or accoutrements worn as academic dress. Indeed, in South American, Spanish and Dutch universities, the academic attire can be likened to plumage. It is not uncommon to see brightly colored gowns adorned with ermine and other furs, flowing capes, and caps trimmed with beads or tassels. Some universities in South America even add Indian feathers to the headdress, in honor of the Inca Indians. At Florida International University, whose colors are blue and gold, the traditional colors of the disciplines are:

FIU traditional tassel colors, according to college/school are:

School of Architecture and The Arts	
— Architecture	Blue Violet
— Music	Pink
— The Arts	White
College of Arts and Sciences	White
— Public Administration	Peacock Blue
— Criminal Justice	Peacock Blue
College of Business	Drab
College of Education	Light Blue
College of Engineering and Computing	Orange
Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Navy Blue
School of Journalism and Mass Communication	Crimson
College of Nursing and Health Sciences	
— Nursing	Apricot
— Health Sciences	Green
— Physical Therapy	Teal
Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work	
— Public Health	Salmon
— Social Work	Citron
Honors College	Gold

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The Honors College

The Honors College provides top students with an interdisciplinary education that complements their majors. The heart of the college is its creative, active, and supportive community of outstanding students, superb teachers, accomplished researchers, and dedicated staff. Honors College scholars are admitted competitively into a transformational college where they pursue both academic and personal excellence.

The curriculum emphasizes critical, integrative, and creative thinking; group and independent research; oral and written communication; close contact between students and faculty; and integration of class work with the world outside the university. Students can satisfy requirements by choosing from an array of advanced seminars that complement their major studies, by participating in study abroad, and/or by undertaking extended research through the groundbreaking Advanced Research and Creativity in Honors (ARCH) program and an Honors-to-Grad (H2G) program that provides stipends to students working with faculty on funded research projects.

Honors students embrace their responsibility to the larger society, and engage in service-research that directly benefit external communities, such as the Worlds Ahead Honors-Sweetwater Partnership. Students also take advantage of lectures by distinguished speakers, professional training dinners and seminars, social activities, the Honors Place living-learning wings in campus housing, partnerships with other university units and colleges, the Honors Education in the Arts (HEARTS) program, and study abroad, with intensive opportunities to study and interact with other cultures.

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 Major Professor: Dr. Alex Stepick

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 Dissertation: *A State of War: Florida from 1939 to 1945*
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 Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science
 Dissertation: *Organized Labor and U.S. Foreign Policy: The Solidarity Center in Historical Context*
 Major Professor: Dr. Ronald W. Cox

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 Doctor of Philosophy in Physics
 Dissertation: *The Nature of Microvariability in Blazar 0716+714*
 Major Professor: Dr. James R. Webb

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 Doctor of Philosophy in Biology
 Dissertation: *Ecosystem Structure in Disturbed and Restored Subtropical Seagrass Meadows*
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 Dissertation: *Determination of Signature Volatile Odor Chemicals Emanating from Novel Biological Specimens by Non-Invasive Analytical Techniques for the Potential Use in Forensic Identifications*
 Major Professor: Dr. Kenneth G. Furton

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 Dissertation: *Top Down Control in a Relatively Pristine Seagrass Ecosystem*
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 Doctor of Philosophy in Public Affairs
 Dissertation: *The Impact of Round II Urban Empowerment Zones on Local Communities*
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 Doctor of Philosophy in Biology
 Dissertation: *The Endocrine Basis for Reproductive Life-History Trade-Offs during the Previtellogenic Resting Stage in the Yellow Fever Mosquito, Aedes Aegypti*
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 Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology
 Dissertation: *The Impact of Friends on Newly Immigrant Children's Emotional and Behavioral Adjustment*
 Major Professor: Dr. Mary J. Levitt

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 Doctor of Philosophy in History
 Dissertation: *Natural Disasters and Comparative State Formation and Nation Building: Earthquakes in Argentina and Chile (1822-1939)*
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 Doctor of Philosophy in Economics
 Dissertation: *Essays on Emissions Trading Markets*
 Major Professor: Dr. Mahadev Bhat

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 Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology
 Dissertation: *Evaluating the Effects of Initial Participation in the Group Therapy Process*
 Co-Major Professor: Dr. William M. Kurtines
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 Doctor of Philosophy in Economics
 Dissertation: *Essays in Economic Growth, Political Economy and Institutions*
 Major Professor: Dr. Cem Karayalcin

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 Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry
 Dissertation: *Ab Initio Quantum Chemical Studies on Neutral-Radical Reactions of Ethynyl (C₂H) and Cyano (CN) with Unsaturated Hydrocarbons*
 Major Professor: Dr. Alexander Mebel

Lin Jiang
 Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry
 Dissertation: *Mechanisms of Chloroperoxidase-Catalyzed Enantioselective Reactions as Probed by Site-Directed Mutagenesis and Isotopic Labeling*
 Major Professor: Dr. Xiaotang Wang

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 Doctor of Philosophy in Economics
 Dissertation: *Three Essays on a Longitudinal Analysis of Business Start-Ups using the Kauffman Firm Survey*
 Major Professor: Dr. Peter Thompson

Karen Marie Mahar
 Doctor of Philosophy in Comparative Sociology
 Dissertation: *Not Getting By: Poverty Management and Homelessness in Miami*
 Major Professor: Dr. Alex Stepick

Cointa G. Martin
 Doctor of Philosophy in Spanish
 Dissertation: *Mundos Prohibidos: El Poder en el Discurso Epistolar de Gertrudis Gómez de Avellaneda y Juana Borrero*
 Major Professor: Dr. Erik Camayd-Freixas

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 Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology
 Dissertation: *Cognitive Competence and Life Course Change in Multi-Problem Adolescents*
 Major Professor: Dr. William M. Kurtines

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 Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology
 Dissertation: *Time Orientation in Organizations: Polychronicity and Multitasking*
 Major Professor: Dr. Chockalingam Viswesvaran

Emily Rose Schenk
 Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry
 Dissertation: *Geographic Provenancing of Unprocessed Cotton using Elemental Analysis and Stable Isotope Ratios*
 Major Professor: Dr. Jose R. Almirall

Tatiana Trejos
 Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry
 Dissertation: *Evaluation of Evidential Value of the Elemental Comparison of Glass, Ink, and Paper by Laser-Based Micro-Spectrochemical Methods*
 Major Professor: Dr. Jose R. Almirall

Rebecca Wang
 Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology
 Dissertation: *The Impact of Social Comparison Processes on Hoped-For Possible Selves, Self-Regulatory Processes and Mental Health Outcomes in Young Adults*
 Major Professor: Dr. Leslie Frazier

Wentian Wang
 Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry
 Dissertation: *Asymmetric Syntheses of Analogs of Kainic Acid*
 Major Professor: Dr. Kathleen Rein

Vanessa Gaultney Werner
 Doctor of Philosophy in Physics
 Dissertation: *Angular Distribution of Prompt Photons Using the Compact Muon Solenoid at sqrt(s)=7 TeV*
 Major Professor: Dr. Pete E.C. Markowitz

College of Business

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 Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration
 Dissertation: *Personality and Performance: Assessing the Mediating Role of Mental Model Formation in the Personality-Performance Relationship*
 Major Professor: Dr. Karl Kroeck

Ajeet Jain
 Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration
 Dissertation: *Essays on the Effect of Tax Exemption on Competitiveness, Performance and Portfolio Risk of Credit Unions and Subchapter S Banks*
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 Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration
 Dissertation: *Three Essays on Dual-Class Stock Structure*
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Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction

Dissertation: *A Longitudinal Exploration of the Relationship between Oral Reading Fluency and Reading Comprehension Achievement among a Sample of Diverse Young Learners*

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Jorge Guerra

Doctor of Education in Higher Education

Dissertation: *Career Technical Education Adjunct Faculty Teacher Readiness: An Investigation of Teacher Excellence and Variables of Preparedness*

Major Professor: Dr. Roger Geertz Gonzalez

Myung Sook Hyun

Doctor of Education in Adult Education and Human Resource Development

Dissertation: *Examining the Validity of the GRE General Test Scores and Undergraduate GPA for Predicting Success in Graduate School at a Large Racially and Ethnically Diverse Public University in Southeast Florida*

Major Professor: Dr. Thomas G. Reio, Jr.

Claire Kostopulos Nackoney

Doctor of Education in Adult Education and Human Resource Development

Dissertation: *Living on Both Sides of the Fence: A Phenomenological Study of Human Resource Development Professionals as Downsizing Survivors and Strategic Human Resource Development Facilitators of Strategic Human Resource Development*

Major Professor: Dr. Tonette S. Rocco

Martha Fernanda Pineda

Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction

Dissertation: *The Development of a Procedure to Create and Validate an Instrument Measuring Student Attainment of Competencies at an Intercultural University in Mexico*

Major Professor: Dr. Hilary C. Landorf

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Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction

Dissertation: *Goma Curriculum, a Character Education Paradigm: Composing a Text for Shaping Classroom Character Culture*

Major Professor: Dr. Linda A. Spears-Bunton

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Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction

Dissertation: *A Comparison Study of the English III/American Literature Success of African American High School Students and that of Students whose Home Language is Haitian Creole*

Major Professor: Dr. Linda A. Spears-Bunton

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Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction

Dissertation: *Perceptions of Character Education in a Seventh-Day Adventist School*

Major Professor: Dr. Erskine S. Dottin

College of Engineering and Computing

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Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science

Dissertation: *Adaptive Software Fault Prediction Approach using Object-Oriented Metrics*

Major Professor: Dr. Naphtali D. Rishe

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Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Engineering

Dissertation: *Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Tumor Segmentation and Quantification: Development of New Algorithms*

Major Professor: Dr. Anthony McGoron

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Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering

Dissertation: *Cross-Layer Design for Energy Efficiency on Data Center Network*

Co-Major Professor: Dr. Jean Andrian

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Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering

Dissertation: *Computational Evaluation of Wind Loads on Low- and High-Rise Buildings*

Major Professor: Dr. Girma T. Bitsuamlak

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Doctor of Philosophy in Materials Science and Engineering

Dissertation: *Tin Oxide Based Composites Derived using Electrostatic Spray Deposition Technique as Anodes for Li-Ion Batteries*

Major Professor: Dr. Chunlei Wang

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Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering

Dissertation: *Effect of pH and Temperature on the Carbonate Promoted Dissolution of Sodium Meta-Autunite*

Major Professor: Dr. Berrin Tansel

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Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering

Dissertation: *Joint Host-Network Optimization for Performance Enhancement and Energy Efficiency in Data Center Networks*

Major Professor: Dr. Deng Pan

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Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering

Dissertation: *Hydro-Physical Characterization of Media used in Agricultural Systems to develop the Best Management Practices for Operation of an Environmentally Sustainable Agricultural Enterprise*

Major Professor: Dr. Berrin Tansel

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Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Engineering

Dissertation: *Preservation of Nitric Oxide Availability as Nitrite and Nitrosothiols*

Major Professor: Dr. Nikolaos M. Tsoukias

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Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering

Dissertation: *Field Programmable Gate Array Based Target Detection and Gesture Recognition*

Major Professor: Dr. Jeffrey Fan

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Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering

Dissertation: *System-on-a-Chip (SoC) Based Hardware Acceleration Methodologies*

Major Professor: Dr. Jeffrey Fan

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Doctor of Philosophy in Materials Science and Engineering

Dissertation: *Functionalized Carbon Micro/Nanostructures for Bimolecular Detection*

Major Professor: Dr. Chunlei Wang

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Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering

Dissertation: *Switching Patterns and Steady-State Analysis of Grid-Connected and Stand-Alone Single-Stage Boost-Inverters for Photovoltaic (PV) Applications*

Major Professor: Dr. Kang Yen

Vahid Salehi Pour Mehr

Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering

Dissertation: *Development and Verification of Control and Protection Strategies in Hybrid AC/DC Power Systems for Smart Grid Applications*

Major Professor: Dr. Osama A. Mohammed

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Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering

Dissertation: *Design Optimization of Modern Machine-Drive Systems for Maximum Fault Tolerant and Optimal Operation*

Major Professor: Dr. Osama A. Mohammed

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Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering

Dissertation: *Silicon Photonic Device for Wavelength Sensing and Monitoring*

Co-Major Professor: Dr. Roberto R. Panepucci

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Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science

Dissertation: *Interoperable Resource Brokering with Policy-Based Provisioning and Job Allocation*

Major Professor: Dr. S. Masoud Sadjadi

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Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Engineering

Dissertation: *In Vivo Characterization of Epileptic Tissue with Optical Spectroscopy*

Major Professor: Dr. Wei-Chaing Lin

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Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering

Dissertation: *Developing an Enhanced Model for Combined Heat and Air Infiltration Energy Simulation*

Major Professor: Dr. Ceasar Abi Shdid

College of Nursing and Health Sciences

Ruth Thomas

Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing

Dissertation: *Test of a Smock System on CPR Primary Emergency Measures and Medical Errors during Simulated Emergencies*

Major Professor: Dr. Dorothy Brooten

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Jacqueline Cruz Wagener

Doctor of Philosophy in Social Welfare

Dissertation: *Factors Influencing the Implementation of Substance*

Use Prevention Programs in Elementary Schools

Major Professor: Dr. Eric F. Wagner

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Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health

Dissertation: *Predictors of Adolescent Sexual Intentions and Behavior:*

Attitudes, Parenting, and Neighborhood Risk

Major Professor: Dr. Robert M. Malow

Michael J. Pagel

Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health

Dissertation: *Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices Affecting Health*

Behaviors in the U.S. Army Special Operations Command Population

of Rangers

Major Professor: Dr. H. Virginia McCoy

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Doctor of Philosophy in Social Welfare

Dissertation: *Time Spent with Children and Working Parents' Willingness*

to Medicate ADHD-like Behaviors

Major Professor: Dr. David Cohen

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Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health

Dissertation: *Risk Factors and Associations for Hepatitis C Infection*

among Hispanic/Latino Intravenous Drug Users in Miami-Dade

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Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health

Dissertation: *Ethnic Identification: Impact on HIV/AIDS Risk among*

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